

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-12 and 37-41 are pending. Of those, claims 1, 10, 13, 21 and 29 are independent.

Allowable Subject Matter

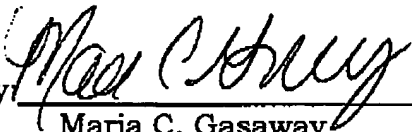
The Examiner has indicated that claims 10-12 are allowed. The Examiner states that claim 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

The subject matter of claim 37 has been incorporated into claim 1. Withdrawn claims 13-37 have been canceled herein. With the above amendments, Claims 1-9 and 38-41 are believed to be allowable. Applicants respectfully request that all rejections be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicants again request a Notice of Allowability.

Person to Contact

In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiners are invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0568 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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